SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE: If you think you are serving the country by this attitude, it is for you; the people will take their own decisions. (*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

SHRI KHESLATION SINGH (Sarguja): Mr. Speaker, Sir, there is a tribal settlement of Gond ans Pando tribes at Bijapur village of block Badafnagar in Sarguja district. Pandos are very poor and backward class whom the Central Government has declared most backward class. Ribai Pando's daughter-in-law and her son of this village died of stravation and Shri Ribal's brother is serious. They have neither foodgrains nor money. The whole region is in the grip of drought but no relief works have been started by the Madhya Pradesh Government with the result thousands of families have migrated and now they are on the verge of straving to death. Shri M.S. Singhdev, former Chief Secretary of the Madhya Pradesh Government had apprised Shri Sundar Lal Patwa, the Chief Minister of the famine situation through a letter. But it is very sad that Shri Patwa has denied in his reply the prevalence of drought situation there and refused to start relief works. The district Panchayat Officer, however, admits that there is drought situation but the District Collector of Sarguja is not ready to admit it.

I request the hon. Pr. Minister to send a study team of the Central Government to Madhya Pradesh to visit the entire drought-affected area, particularly the tribal belt, and to provide amount for relief works.

[*English*]

SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH (Rajgarh): We want a statement from the Government. A Central Team must go to Madhya Pradesh. There is an utter chaos in the State of Madhya Pradesh. People are going out quitting their own homes. There is no relief work. People are dying of starvation. We want a reaction from the Government.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Minister should make a statement on it. Workers are migrating from there. They are starving. It cannot go like this. Two starrvation deaths have occurred in your Mandsaur district and the Sarguja district has also witnessed such deaths. How long will it continue? The hon. Minister should make a statement. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI (Kota): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Central Government has all along been classifying the cities for the grant of salaries and allowances to the State Government employees. Unfortunately the Government is not declaring Kota as a B class city although it fulfill all the norms raid down for the purpose. Bikaner, which has less population than Kota and has a population of 4 lakh 20 thousand, has been declared a B class city. Kota has a population of 5 lakh and 60 thousand but till this day it has not been declared a B Class city. An agitation is going on there. People are on hunge strike. I have received three telegrams. I have submitted one of them to you. It is my submission that the State Government, the Central Government may declare Kota a B Class city immeditely. A man has sent me a telegram again who is nearing death. Hundreds of people have been arrested. I request you to direct the Central Government to declare Kota a B Class city. Please do justice to Kota city.

[*English*]

SHRI NANI BHATTACHARYA (Berhampore): Sir, a serious situation has emerged owing to satyagraha being resorted to by the workers of Maniindra-B.T. Mills, Berhamupor, West Bengal which calls